

After the Republican Nominati

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publican party is based is tersely expressed in one sentence of the platform: "It is the first duty of a good government to protect the rights and promote the interests of its own people." This motto is called a selfish policy, but it is the policy which every nation pursues, though the methods adopted vary according to the circumstances of the country.

Once more the Republican party asserts that this is a Nation, with a high N, and not a low one, confederacy. States are the means to the end; the troubled minds of the timid people who are in mortal dread of the hegemony of Centralization, the platform explains that "the States have reserved rights which should be faithfully maintained." The practical disfranchisement of a large portion of the people of the South by fraud, and the use of the sword by the Government of the reserved rights of

population of voting age is only 108,254 by the census of 1880, and the colored population of voting age is 130,728, it is evident that the colored population of the State should be 75,750 and the vote for Garfield only 37,854. Why should nearly 100,000 blacks abstain from voting? In South Carolina, also, the total white male population of voting age is 840,900, against a like colored population of 1,070,000. If the colored vote is 75,000, Democratic, and the white 101,000 Republican remaining at home and less than 20,000 Democrats failing to vote. Those anomalies are the result of fraud and force. When they shall have been corrected the popular progress made by the Republican party will be apparent. It will appear in the official count as strong as it is in fact.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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